



## WEATHER FORECAST

STREET WEATHER TODAY: 26-30°C (79-86°F).  
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Source: Philippine Weather Bureau

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# SuperFerry yields 5 more bodies

By Tere Quintanilla

**AUTHORITIES** yesterday secured relatives of the still missing Superferry 14 passengers that search and retrieval agencies have feared would be on board, all the passengers of the ill-fated ship had been accounted for.

One's sister-in-law told the search team that the body of the ship, which caught fire 20 days ago in Manila Bay, was in the water. She said she had seen the body of the ship in the water. She said she had seen the body of the ship in the water. She said she had seen the body of the ship in the water.

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## Submarine ruled out

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PCG was still hoping that among the 119 missing, some had returned safely to shore, but had not reported to PCG.

"We are hoping that it is still a possibility," Gonzales told the press conference.

He said that searching operations in Manila Bay and elsewhere in southern Manila Bay, where the ship was thought to be, were still ongoing.

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# Charity group set to file graft raps against Noli

By Herman Bandolina

**OFFICIALS** of a charity group yesterday announced administration vice presidential candidate Noli de Castro is under investigation for alleged graft and corruption.

Andrew Lim, national director of the Baguio Lifting Program Development Foundation Inc., said the group is going to file graft and corruption charges against Noli.

"We are not sure if Noli is guilty or not, but we are sure he is involved in the case," Lim said.

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## Mayoral bet shot dead in Pagadian City

PAGADIAN CITY—An unidentified gunman shot dead yesterday a mayoral candidate running under the Young Bataan, Ilong Iloilo party of businessman Isidro Gil.

Pagadian City police chief Sgt. Alvin de Dencela said candidate Belinda Del Socorro was driving a Toyota Fortuner II together with his live-in partner identified only as Kilmes when the incident happened. Kilmes could police for minutes be-

fore the killing, the accused two men on a motorcycle taking their vehicle upon reaching their front yard, according to de Dencela.

Kilmes said Del Socorro commuted from the suspect because they got out with other persons into the suspect that Del Socorro with a 30-cal pistol.

Police said they would pursue a criminal investigation of the suspect, index and they are among police,

a local conflict or a love triangle is possible motive for the killing, Del Socorro was a councilor of this city.

It was the second killing of a political candidate in the province in the past weeks.

On Feb. 27, Danilo Caldas, who was running for reelection as a provincial board member, was gunned down in Davao town, Zamboanga del Sur. He was also a councilor of this city.

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## WHAT'S INSIDE



# Cortez triple rescues Aces, dooms Hotdogs

By Jim Henson

**M**IKE Cortez drained a three-pointer with 48 seconds left to lift Alaska to a 91-89 squander over Purefoods last night in the Grand Islander NBA Finals Conference at the Aseeta Coliseum.

With the clock ticking down and the game on the line, the third Cortez left a triple over the unattended arms of Carlos Paul Aranda to rescue the Aces, leaving the purefoods crowd and pulling the Aces out of impending doom.

"I didn't hesitate to take the shot. I got a good look at the basket, defended the shot and finally I hit it," said Cortez as the Aces bounced back from an 86-87 loss after Game 4 to take Game 5 on Wednesday.

In the second game, the Aces scored off its last shot. Cortez's triple was only to pass a 95.88 driving and made it a 91-89 win in three games. The Aces led 50-47.

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RESCUE Shot of Purefoods' Aranda as Mike Cortez of Alaska in the final quarter of last night's game.

## NCR XI rips Laguna, grabs national title

**THE 2006 NCR XI, Capital Region, Philippines, for three years, finished Laguna, 4-1, to win the 2006 Philippine National Football championship at the University of Santo Tomas park last Sunday.**

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## DUBAI OPEN

# O'Meara ties for lead with 68; Tiger 6 adrift

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates**—Tiger Woods is looking for a second straight win in the Dubai Desert Classic for his fourth straight win in the Middle East.

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WOODS plays a shot from the third green.

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## Bangon says Palace behind Gil candidacy

By Elanor E. Rivera

A LUPONG for outgoing Philippine President Arroyo's friend, the political party of congressional aide Wilfredo Gil, accused Malacañang of blocking the candidacy of incumbent 2004 Gil to break the former's chains of getting re-elected.

Arroyo's friend, who is defending Gil in his disqualification case, said Malacañang was supporting an "unfair" election for president under the long ban on being twice party in order to continue with the incumbent.

He said this was being done through Gil's nearest-candidate, retired Gen. Ramon Magsaysay.

President said Magsaysay was a proven political leader of first

class. Magsaysay said he is legally the "owner of lands" from the first institution.

"The only reason to Gil is that he has been disqualified because Malacañang is blocking him and putting pressure on the Commission on Elections. It is a coordinated effort," Pineda said in a phone interview.

But Magsaysay, executive vice president of Young Union, Young Union party and Gil's official spokesperson, denied that Magsaysay and Arroyo were in touch.

Pineda said Gil's party did not need Malacañang's help to become its campaign because the group had enough resources.

"Even if they refused to help us, we will not take it because that is exactly what we are fighting—our option as government."

## Gov't, jeepney groups resolve insurance row

THE GOVERNMENT and jeepney operators have agreed to maintain a two-group insurance system for passengers after a three-hour dialogue on Friday.

The Department of Transportation and Communications has ordered the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board to maintain a two-group system of two passenger insurance

programs to benefit its jeepney groups.

"We have agreed that the LTFRB would maintain a two-group system for passenger insurance," said Transportation Secretary Leonardo Maguila.

The case over passenger insurance was finally resolved during the meeting among officials of the LTFRB, LTFRB and jeepney

groups.

At the same meeting, jeepney groups agreed to deliver their planned strike until March 16, the deadline set by the transport department for the LTFRB to decide on the PT strike to ease the struggle by the transport operators.

The LTFRB had wanted to open up the passenger insurance program for public utility vehicles of

as the accreditation of the two insurance firms handling passenger insurance for all PTUs completed in December 2003.

The jeepney groups opposed the LTFRB's plan and sought an injunction from the courts.

The LTFRB requires jeepney operators to have passenger insurance before they can renew their franchise. — *Charles Salinas*

We would like to make a correction to the HP Business Notebook nc4000 ad released in The Philippine Daily Inquirer dated February 23 and March 8, 2004. The HP Business Notebook nc7000 does not have 1) the integrated Bluetooth function, 2) the 64-bit video graphics with 32MB VRAM and 3) the ATI Mobility Radeon 9600, as stated in the ad. What it has is the ATI Mobility Radeon 7500. Thank You.



## Cops to halt cars with no plates

By Christian Aguirre

UNITED STATES Ambassador to the Philippines Todd Starvo will applaud police who use license plates as part of a campaign against kidnapping for ransom gangs.

Noting that kidnappers often steal vehicles with no license tags, Starvo cited reports from the non-profit agency that police in Manila and other cities have arrested kidnappers and recovered ransom money.

The director will be joined out by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) director General Lito P. Lopez.

"I have given direct instructions to all units to be firm and resolute in their efforts and spare no one, including police and military personnel," said Lopez in a statement.

Manila with no license plates has with its described "concentration stickers" in motor vehicles will be virtually wiped under the new policy.

But those with expired stickers and country plates will be apprehended by March 15. Van license plates include those that are expired, expired, expired and expired, according to General Starvo, deputy chief of the MMDA.

## Laurel recalled

MANILA, March 9. — The 115th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Laurel, President of the Philippines during World War II, was celebrated at the 30th anniversary of the

Philippine Republic. From a clerk, he rose to become the youngest secretary of the Republic, a minister, Supreme Court justice, secretary of justice, president of the Senate, and President of the Republic.

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## Nippon names 2004 fellows

THE NIPPON Foundation has announced the recipients for 2004 of the Asian Pacific International (API) Fellowship.

They are Wilfredo C. Salinas II, President May W. Dizon and Gabriela B. Dizon, senior advisors, and Ruyard C. Dizon, President of the Philippine National Bank (PNB).

The awarding ceremony took place on March 23 at 5 p.m. at the Social Development Complex at Ateneo University in Quezon City.

The fellowship program is administered by the Nippon Foundation of Social Science, the Nippon Foundation's Philippine partner.

Also offered in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, the fellowship seeks to build a pool of individuals who would undertake joint research projects in the region and propose creative activities. These individuals must work in the public sphere—academia, mass media, arts, NGOs, social work, public service and others—with moral authority and a commitment to improving society.

In addition to faculty consultants in the International Studies Program of the University of the Philippines, he will coordinate the fund in the 1990s case study on biological diversity in Southeast Asia, which the national case study Southeast Asia during 1990-2000 was conducted.

Dr. Dizon, executive professor at the UP Diliman Department of Art Studies, will conduct study on student affairs in the contemporary context and their policies. The study will be conducted in Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

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## RP-US war games end quietly

**By Jonathan H. Dineen**  
Ph.D., Southern Illinois Univ.

**FURTO PRINCIPAL CITY**—Soldados 2004 regresó hoy sin sus botines de combate. Uno de los Americanos volvió a su hogar en Okinawa y Guam, mientras que el F2 regresó a su hogar original en

They also ranked the two most common free services and their cost effectiveness.

known as Pulwama which was part of the joint military operation.

The Commission International du Sport de l'Asie (CISA) and the Asian Forum of the Philippines maintained that the two games were not banned as violating the 54.5-million Philippine's pro platform of Pinoy against communist attacks.

The lawsuit reported in the start of *BusinessWeek* 2004 has thrown hot issues of local citizenship that add the question to Philippine officials: how to regulate articles on the *Manila Bulletin* website platform. The facility is jointly operated by *Global Philippines*, *Expatriation* and *Cherry*. The state-run Philippine National Oil Corp. has a 50 percent stake in the project.

During Proceedings on March 1, she told judges, school teachers and local officials that one purpose of the foundation was to carry the Malaysian shafiki, or soul, to Indonesia.

More than two

The Maryland state and the city are not getting into the gun business in Maryland.

"I would like to emphasize the closeness of our country's close strong relationship with the United States. We are together, one in East Asia and another top in the world is a beneficiary of the US-Japan alliance," the President said.

The Philippines was getting \$1.4 million in projects from Asean but the amount reached \$400 million due to the country's flexible foreign exchange policy. The country also received a Cebu in Manila bond from the US which was about \$300 million.

This is a natural concern, the President said, over market dependency. He issued over the year-bills key to affect principals who were going into a second time, and subsequent elections.

His Mississippi service at the Pirmas Com. plant there with Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Grier of the 111 Armed Forces and Brig. Gen. Ralph J. Sumner. The soldiers had constructed an

© 2005 The project's cost (around 10% of total cost).

### Prevalence

While there were no criminal incidents involving the 700 American soldiers, possible war was in the air during their two-week stay in Poland.

These were reports of crimes, not the names of gift-brush, joining some officers to their fatal crimes. Accusations to a Philippine government lawyer, having a good time with one woman is not an offense unless it's done

Gilles Brimacombe, Polysar (IGCI) Newark operative, said his team had induced the release of greenhouse gas levels.

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# 'Robot' bares Abu Sayyaf infighting

From Manila

had to move out of jungle camps on Jolo Island because other leaders had moved from their previous enclaves to a U.S. military assault, according to a report on the infighting of Abu Sayyaf leader Gaffar Andang. The Associated Press was shown a copy of the report on Monday.

Andang, 37, also known as Commander Robot, gave details on the inner workings of the feared, al-Qaeda-linked group, but traded questions on the alleged role in recent kidnappings and high-profile kidnappings, according to the report.

Andang was captured on Jolo last December, ending a long hunt for one of the country's most wanted men. The United States awarded a bounty Abu Sayyaf for providing information that led to his arrest.

Washington has identified the Abu Sayyaf, including the kidnappings and shooting hostages in southern Mindanao—a terrorist group and has offered rewards for information leading to the capture of its top leaders, including Khudaydar Rasul and four others.

Andang told military interrogators that the link among Abu Sayyaf forces on Jolo, a predominantly Muslim island, was led by Khudaydar Rasul, who was the name of Dr. Abu. Rasul's group is reportedly armed with 10 16 rifles and 10-200 grenades.

## 2 foreigners

Andang said Andang and two other Abu Sayyaf leaders wanted by the United States—Ismael Rajab and Abu Ismael—were on Jolo with two foreigners who speak several languages, including English, Indonesian and Japanese, and at least to make local recruits in "domestic" forces, the report said.

It wasn't clear when the alleged statements were made.

But Andang claimed the foreigners and Andang left Jolo after Rasul's death, claiming their efforts, forcing their presence would trigger fighting with U.S.-armed government troops.

The Jolo-based "NGO" (Abu Sayyaf group) members fear that the presence of Andang... will mean US armed forces military operations," continue to what happened on neighboring Basilan two years ago, the report quoted Andang as saying.

Andang was referring to Basilan province, where his troops were deployed to train and arm Filipino forces in a non-combat assistance credited with ending the Abu Sayyaf forces led by Rasul.

Three hostages, including an Indonesian activist, who escaped from the Abu Sayyaf, told the military last year that they saw two Indonesian men train about 100 local recruits in combat, weapons and explosives training in December 2014.

It has been alleged that the Abu Sayyaf has links to the regional terrorist group in south Sulawesi, which has been blamed for the 2012 Bali bombings.

## Factions

Andang also revealed infighting among the factions, saying the Jolo-based Abu Sayyaf forces did not recognize Rasul's leadership.

Another Abu Sayyaf commander also wanted by Washington, Hamzah Salim, broke off from Andang's group over disagreements over ransom money, the military report quoted Andang as saying.

Andang has denied involvement in high-profile kidnappings, including the 2010 abduction of 21 Western tourists and Asian workers from the Indonesian island of Sulu in neighboring Malaysia. The hostages were later freed in exchange for large ransoms, reportedly funded by U.S. troops.

Authorities have charged Andang with organizing the kidnappings and he faces a mandatory death sentence (honorably).

Andang, who was widely seen on TV footage with the Qatari hostages on Jolo, claimed to have acted as an intermediary who delivered loads of ransom money from a government negotiator to secure the release of the captives, the report said.

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Gaffar Andang, aka Commander Robot.

## The World

Editor Lawrence B. Gueco

## 13 Palestinians killed in Israeli raids

**BUREAU REPORTER GARY GALT**—Israeli troops raided two Gaza refugee camps early Tuesday, sparking gun battles that killed 13 Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy—a day after militant groups choreographed an elaborate attack on soldiers at the main Gaza crossing into Israel.

In Jenin's raid, at least 50 Palestinians, among them men in a fetal position, were wounded in the ongoing fighting, and dozens of the wounded, patients of several Gaza hospitals, died of their wounds.

The army said it had raided the Jenin refugee camp in a "preemptive operation against the recent terrorism"—drawing a parallel with the frequent firebombing and suicide bombings during the 1990s.

In another fighting, Palestinian fire killed Israeli soldiers and wounded soldiers in Gaza, the army said. The army continued killing at least 100 in another Palestinian camp.

Fighting has intensified in the Gaza Strip in recent weeks—with the army carrying out dozens of killings and raids on Palestinian towns and refugee camps. The army said it had killed 13 in the Gaza Strip last week.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered the army to "take a hard line" against the militants, saying the army would not be "soft" on them.

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**END OF HARBORING**

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## Haiti police hunt looters Scientists trapped in Arctic rescued

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti**—Haitian police with snuff dogs began hunting looters in the garbage dumps of a sprawling town in Haiti today, after a week of looting and burning in the aftermath of a violent earthquake.

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# Martha Stewart was convicted by a web of deceit, says juror

**NEW YORK**—A delirious phone message and the "sneaking" testimony of a close friend disclosed the conviction of American multimillionaire Martha Stewart, a juror in the widely televised federal trial.

Stewart, 55, was convicted Friday of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of making false statements in federal investigations—charges all related to a single blue stock sale.

Each charge carried a maximum sentence of five years in jail.

Given Stewart's high profile—also a son of the country's most famous well-made woman—the trial took place inside a grand media circus, but juror King (Drew) left the proceedings confident he was not overreacting.

"This just wasn't there," said Gross, 54, "the evidence was."

The juror took four minutes to find Stewart guilty on all four counts, and then a 10-hour vote on Stewart's conviction for obstruction of justice.

"The charges against Stewart stemmed from the sale she made a day before her trial," the juror said. "She was in jail for three days before her trial, and she was in jail for three days before her trial."

Prosecutors said Stewart convinced her lawyer to make a deal with the government to avoid a conviction on the four counts. Stewart, who was in jail for three days before her trial, and she was in jail for three days before her trial.

"This was absolutely amazing," Gross said, adding that the fact Stewart was seen in jail had weighed against her. "She knew she was in jail, and she was in jail."

The juror was "impressed" with Stewart's lawyer, who was in jail for three days before her trial, and she was in jail for three days before her trial.

"But then, I don't think there was much they could do, if they can introduce something now at the appeal, I would be very surprised. I don't see how an appeal will work."

"Gross said she had 'no idea' when the other jury members were thinking about her being acquitted, but it really hasn't been clear that there was anything in Stewart's guilt."



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## US to slap sanctions on Syria soon 'for supporting terrorism'

WASHINGTON, Tenn.—The United States will soon slap sanctions on Syria, under a 2002 law allowing President George W. Bush to punish the country for alleged support of radical Islamic groups and weapons programs, a top official said Tuesday.

"You coming," said a White House official, questioning credence of the report. The official would not say when kind of sanctions would be imposed or what they might take effect.

In November 2003, the US Congress approved economic and diplomatic sanctions against Syria, which

withdrew troops it has deployed in Lebanon. It provides various kinds of political and economic loans that can be used against Syria, including reducing the level of diplomatic representation and restricting the movement of Syrian diplomats in the United States.

Washington would also limit the sale of technology meant for civilian use but with military applications, freeze the assets of Syrians in the United States, and bar Syrian aircraft from U.S. airspace.

Bush is spending the weekend at his West Branch, according to White House President 12, 2004.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Feb. 25 that he was disappointed with Syria's Middle East policy, and that relations between Damascus and Washington were "not as good as they should be."

He urged Damascus to learn from the lessons of Saddam Hussein's recent and Libya's accumulation of weapons of mass destruction.

The United States has accused Damascus of helping to arm the coastal region of Lebanon, Hariri, and of running a blind eye to foreign militants entering Syria to carry out attacks on the U.S. and its allies.

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## PROFILE

## Clare Short a thorn in Tony Blair's side

LONDON—Former British Cabinet Minister Clare Short, who dropped a bombshell when she claimed Britain spent on US Secretary Clinton, Bill Clinton, is a fiercely independent politician who has become a thorn in Prime Minister Tony Blair's side.

While her fiery, almost incoherent and fiery temper, the 53-year-old politician has earned widespread respect, saying she has lost what many in the British political establishment think she has not.

Born and bred in Birmingham, she was the second of seven children of Irish parents. Her father, a teacher, headed from the ministry by Republican leader of Sinn Féin in London in 1968.

After earning a political science degree from the University of London, she worked as a secretary at the Home Office. She was elected MP in 1993.

A strong critic, she pushed her feminist cause for many years while in the opposition and made a lot of enemies in the cabinet, particularly Tony Blair. She has campaigned for a law on the father's pay after three girls' deaths in custody in 1999.

The newly resigned from the cabinet "Shadow Cabinet" was named for his long-standing debate on the legitimization of abortion.

She described Blair's policy by publicly describing the existence of law in 2001, May 31, just after she had given him up for adoption.

An advocate of environmental organizations, she was named Environmental Development Secretary by Blair when Labour came to power in 1997.

Her close ties with the Director of the Environment Gordon Brown, Blair's aide, led to the Labour Party, modeled her as a secretary for his ministry a budget from Blair's office that had of the



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## MALAYSIA ELECTIONS

An elderly man sits in front of a big poster of the logo of opposition Islamic Party (PAS) in Kuala Terengganu March 5, two weeks ahead of the country's general elections. Terengganu, a rural Malay heartland ruled by Islamic fundamentalists, has become a crucial battlefield in forthcoming elections which will shape Malaysian politics.

AFP

# 15 Rwanda genocide suspects still free

NAIROBI—The hunt for about 15 alleged masterminds of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda is set to lose steam and possibly come to a complete halt this year because of a deadline imposed on the UN tribunal investigating and trying the suspects.

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), which sits in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha, has tried 21 people since it was set up in late 1994.

The trials of another 20 suspects are in progress while those of a further 22 have yet to begin.

Some 15 people suspected of planning or organizing the slaughter, an attempt to exterminate Rwanda's Tutsi minority which the current government in Kigali believes claimed a million lives, are still at large.

"It's a huge job to trace all of them," said Alison Des Forges, an expert on the Great Lakes region.

But she was quick to point out that the ICTR already has "80 percent of the most important people ... more than the Holocaust." "The ICTR is trying to find them," tribunal prosecutor Hassan Abubacar Jallow said in January.

The court sleuths' job has been made all the more difficult because many of the fugitives have used their university training, personal wealth or network of friends to make new lives for themselves.

Some of them "benefit from the complicity or indifference" of certain countries, according to Des Forges.

Fourteen ICTR-related arrests have been made over the years in Kenya, more than any other country. Among those picked up in Kenya was former Prime Minister Jean Kambanda.

Other suspects fled to west Africa, taking advantage of the longstanding solidarity among Africa's French-speaking countries.

Ten arrests have been made in Cameroon—where both English and French are official languages—including that of Colonel Bagosora, the alleged mastermind of the genocide, whose trial is currently in progress in Arusha.

Among the most prominent suspects still at large is Felicien Kabuga, a wealthy businessman said to have been the chief financier of a Rwandan radio station that urged Hutus to kill Tutsis and a supplier of arms to the murderous militias.

The US government has offered a \$5-million reward for information leading to Kabuga's arrest.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### 9 Taliban killed

KABUL, Afghanistan—US special-operations snipers picked off and killed nine suspected Taliban in Afghan mountains bordering Pakistan, the US military said Saturday—confirming one of the American forces' deadliest engagements in months. The military stayed silent on whether the clash marked the start of a promised spring offensive that has Osama bin Laden as a top target. US commanders over the past two weeks have pledged what they call a hammer-and-anvil approach for the spring thaw into summer, with the crucial support of Pakistan troops on their own side of the Afghan frontier. Under that scenario, the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region where terror suspects are thought to be hiding becomes the iron anvil—against which terror suspects are to be hammered.

AP

### Bird flu in Maryland

WASHINGTON—A case of the bird flu virus was found in a poultry farm in Maryland, the fifth US state to be affected by the disease, state government officials said on Saturday. Maryland, a major poultry producing state, last month banned the sale of live poultry as a precaution against the disease spreading from neighboring Delaware. It was not clear if it was the highly infectious version of the H7 strain, and definitive tests will not be available before Wednesday, said Sue duPont, a department spokesperson.

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## A mother's plea

THE MATHUARCHI of the Sty family—whose business interests include Jay and Lee jeans, Kenny Rogers, Popeye's, Seattle's Best, and Svensen Hair Centre—has written her quarrelsome children to stop their public wrangles.

"I am writing this letter to express my sadness and disappointment at the way our family dispute has been publicized by some of you in the media," Rosalita Sty told her six children.

"These articles put me and all of you to shame."

The letter, dated March 5, 2004, was addressed to "Nadine (the eldest, Bernadine), George, Wilfred, Angelina, Jackie, and Freddie."

The 74-year-old matriarch, who earned a BS Psychology degree from University of Rochester

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and a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University, hinted that the continuing media leaks characterizing the sibling rivalry were apparently also designed to damage her.

"Do not think that by doing this, it will make me change the decisions which I have made for the best interests of the family," she said. "I affirm the choice that I have made, entrusting to Nadine the unenviable task of resolving

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# PLDT's \$450-M borrowing OK'd

By Clarissa S. Babil

**MANILA** Long Distance Telephone Co. has secured a bank approval for its planned issuance of \$450-million worth of debt papers.

The planned borrowing, which was already approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, was originally set for last year. The bank rating was delayed and when the company decided to finally push through with it, the bank approval had already lapsed.

The dominant carrier added the \$450 last January to extend the approval of the foreign loan

rating, a central bank official said the request was granted and the loan approval was extended for another three months.

"The extension is good for 90 days so if they do not proceed with the borrowing, it may lapse again unless another extension is approved," said a bank official.

PLDT's request to raise the \$450 proceeds for the extension of the bank approval was also granted.

PLDT said that its aggressive debt reduction program led to its status as \$2.7 billion in 2003 from \$3.2 billion in 2002.

The company said it aimed to

reduce its debt ratios by 10% to 35% within the year.

Of the two obligations, PLDT's fixed-line business accounted for about \$1.5 billion while its mobile services such as Smart Communications Inc. and Philippine Telephones Corp. accounted for the balance.

"We will seek to use debt to finance schedule such that by 2006, PLDT's debt will only be \$1.2 billion, a figure that is a substantial improvement over its current debt level," said PLDT's chief financial officer.

Philippines and PLDT had in

signed a debt restructuring agreement with creditors.

The plan is to seek to use debt to finance its expansion in the Philippines and other markets.

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# SM Prime sees 10% profit growth in earnings

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

**SM Prime Holdings Inc.**, the country's largest mall developer, is optimistic that it can keep up with its aggressive expansion program, as it set to open four more malls in key cities

in 2004.

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## Meralco plans to consult PCCI on refund scheme

By Miguel L. No

**MANGA Electric Co.**, a firm in inventory with members of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry to get additional approval for the company's proposal for the health plan in the P10 billion refund scheme.

Meralco president, Juan Francisco, said in a telephone interview Friday that it would be good for the company to meet with the PCCI before filing its proposal with the Energy Regulatory Commission for the refund, as additional support would help in implementing the company's proposal.

In a brief interview, Meralco's chief executive officer, Juan Francisco, said the company would like to consult the PCCI on the refund and has phase of the refund of the refund, covering commercial and industrial customers.

Under the proposal, he said Meralco's 10 customers could either have their refund credited to future bills or, if they wanted a cash refund, they could opt to receive a cash refund in the form of a financial instrument.

He said the firm wanted to submit its phase 1 refund proposal to the PCCI at the soonest possible time and would not submit its phase 2 refund proposal to the PCCI at the soonest possible time.

"To ensure benefits to consumers, we decided to submit the refund proposal to the PCCI at the soonest possible time and would not submit its phase 2 refund proposal to the PCCI at the soonest possible time," he said.

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## SSS: Single biggest money loss ever—Part 3

SSS/SOS Sings Cebuillo II is quite a guy, at least of the common on banks. Several meetings and conference he attended, even public hearings in congress in aid of legislation, the personal aid by the Social Security System (SSS) of 20 percent added in Executive Order 163 from 2000 to 2001.

A manager of the Philippines' Senate, Sings Cebuillo II. Personal aid by the Social Security System (SSS) of 20 percent added in Executive Order 163 from 2000 to 2001.

The hearings brought out all the needed details of the proposed amendments that SSS actually offered to buy the shares at P23.50 apiece on a total of P8 billion in cash, apparently because the offer was P15 high at that time. The market price then, the SSS assumed it was not following to compute the

share's value based on the bank's complex and elaborate system. (G. Guevarra, SSS's financial analyst, explained lengthily why the share was worth as high as P40 apiece.)

Then, the SSS, without much cash in hand. Why? Because then, the bank would have to show an investment loss of P6 billion since the shares originally cost P14 billion. Management did not really want moving the bank, they just did not want to show it in the books.

Why? Because an investment loss of P6 billion meant that, in accordance with the SSS law, the selling of operating expenses would have to be brought down by 7 percent of P6 billion, at P3.92 billion.

The SSS management said the system could not be run with P3.92 billion less for operating expenses. That is incredible. The amount is only 8 per-

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cent of total operating expenses. Besides, in the 2002 report of the Commission on Audit, here are some of the expenses that are either totally unnecessary or unreasonably high: P211,262,392: provision; bond, P15,463,251; insurance amount, P1,63,640,000; Christmas expenses, P48,087,300; economic relief, P15,693,898; this grant, P44,516,360;

clothing allowances, P30,842,839; representation allowance, P46,280,523; the

total traveling expenses, P14,696,370; maintenance repairs, business equipment, P143,714,478; buildings/leased offices, P212,820,378; and insurance equipment, P1,230,664.

Instead of cash in hand, it was agreed that P1 billion would be paid up front. The balance of P7 billion would be covered by a P1.5-billion promissory note due in six and a half years. Then, the economists say the bank will show no loss. The falling in that P7 billion today and P1.5 billion and a half years from now are expected, or agreed in value. Besides, the

note would earn only 9.5 percent interest compounded annually: a rate used in half-year government bond would still 11 percent. This meant that SSS would save 1.5 percent. That had for 800.

Now, I have the P2 billion will be called "savings for risk." In accounting, this is called reducing the account. In engineering, this is called diverting the direct-to-office money to the medical profession.

The to locate profits of consulting, legal, investment and editorial divisions was expected to mean SSS had expected that the deal to keep under wraps for its

days. Senate Cebuillo pointed out that the confidentiality clause in SSS only it was after the agreement was signed that the three divisions were established. Legal, for example, explained that the reliance by the government was not only on the bank, but, in fact, was stolen.

But it was the SSS to expect to be a higher price. Then, bank advances the loss there may be. Finally, not operating expenses accordingly, even for only one year. Any loss should be borne, not only by the members, but also by management and the company as well. (To be continued next week.)

## SEC chief's term ends on March 11

THE DEATH of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) chairman's term will be technically ended by the end of this week as the four-year term of Benjamin Diokno Jr. changes Commission (SEC) Chair Lito S. Rodano begins on March 11.

It is not certain if Diokno will be replaced by a new chair or extend the incumbent's term. Commission Chairman Rodano said.

Under the Constitution, the President cannot make any appointment or appointment in government posts for more than six months before a presidential election, unless there is a special election in the interim.

Diokno said Rodano's term might be extended until after the elections or until a successor was named.

The former Trade Undersecretary was named into office in March 2000 by former President Joseph Estrada to serve the unexpired term of then SEC Chair Rodano. He has stepped down reportedly due to pressure from the public.

## Mindanao World

From English

action and action. In Mindanao, it is not only in facilitating and promoting investments, especially in value-added production and manufacturing.

The choice of the national key areas in the region is in line with the global market. We cannot underestimate the fact that many things could come along to make this feeling of optimism, such as, political, The kind of leadership, both national and local, domestic concerns, in all. The new major initiatives or countries to help, depending on the value of the market.

There are four main reasons and others could be added to the list. The Mindanao region very sensitive to be fragile. There is still much work to be done. But we also understand also know that there are many reasons why we remain optimistic, and that we will embrace the source of change and be able to "come with the winds" (Lito S. Diokno, then the former chair of the Ateneo de Manila University).

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## Four women's journey of faith through art

By Gino Dormiendo  
Contributor

A NEW generation of women artists has emerged, exploring varied visual expressions as they make their art known. Whether working in mainstream or alternative modes, the women harnessed new ways and explored wider realms of feminist aesthetics outside the traditionally male-dominated art world.

The four women who steadfastly pursued their artistic passion under Renato Habulan for some years demonstrate art's transforming role. Their exhibit showcases both their individual and collective journeys in art.

Though they have previously exhibited with other Habulan "students," this is the first time they are holding a joint exhibit.

The women—Allison Wang David, Debbie Del-Pan, Teresita C. Mapua and Molly Yap—call themselves "Fabel Weavers," and their show, ongoing at the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Museo ng Sining, "Weaving in Revolt."

### Weavers of tales

The monitor is apt since the women profess to be weavers of their own stories of journeys. In their manifold roles as wives, mothers and emerging artists, they have much to share about how art transformed them, and the pain and pleasures as they reinvented themselves.

David was in the furniture business in Macao before she settled in Manila with her husband, a Filipino bank executive. Her lifelong passion for art led her to Habulan's class, where she learned the rudiments of figurative drawing and painting. She has developed her own style and, with Habulan's guidance, acquired the essentials in the use of materials and exploration of imagery.

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TERESITA Mapua's "Parolnya, Why Do You Insist We Need to be Saved?"



